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Dear Mr. Smallwood,

The list of our books is enclosed. Your store should still be able to get NEVER AGAIN! It also was published by Carroll & Graf but with less butchery. It does add new dimensions.

I was 84 yesterday, I've been lucky to survive what I was not expected to survive (as my typing indicates) and in coping with these medical problems I keep what for others are convoluted hours. I'm usually abed by 4:30 p.m. EDT in part because I can't help being up very early. So, consistent with these convoluted hours I'm willing to do your show.

I was in Manchester briefly back in 1938. Very briefly and when there was some danger in it.

I was then working for the U.S. Senate. The Department of Justice borrowed me for what was then a sensational prosecution, U.S. v Mary Helen et al. That was the official designation of the Harlan conspiracy case, over all that was then so wrong in Harlan County.

The seat of the federal court was in London. I made friends with many fine people in London and some visited me in Washington. Among my friends were the owners of the weekly newspaper, Homer and Dolores Clay. Money was tight and when bills were not paid got tight. Once when Homer was out of town Dolores asked me to keep her company when she drove to Manchester to collect some of what was owed them, I suppose for advertising. She explained that if Homer went to collect what was due then he might well be shot but that there was less chance of that happening to a woman! Well, she did not get shot. Nor did I. She had me sit in the car while she went into the store for their money.

I did not get the Don Lewis book. It is an obvious phony. So is the La Fontaine book, which I did get and read. Oswald did not talk, there was no snitch on that case and none was needed. The dopes driving those five, and that is all there were, stolen weapons in that open car drove wildly, drew police attention and wrecked the car in the chase. There likewise was no snitch and none necessary on that Lake Pontchartrain raid and again none was necessary. Those Cubans set the place on fire with those explosives inside the house and the neighbor who'd seen them unload what they had called the sheriff. He was my source, as was the sheriff. I've not seen Michael Collins' Final Judgement but am certain it is like just about all the others, worse than a waste of time.

We do not have cable and did not see the A & E show.

Best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold